

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### CITY OF MILWAUKIE, OREGON CENTENNIAL

#### HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 5, 2003*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the city of Milwaukie, OR, on the 100th anniversary of its incorporation. This is a community in my district that has played an important role in Oregon's history.

While incorporated for 100 years it was actually founded in 1840. Milwaukie began to play an important role in riverfront shipping with the advent of docks on the Willamette River. The commerce from these docks served to link the Willamette Valley's pioneers with goods from the Hudson Bay Trading Company and beyond. Oregon's founder, Doctor John McLaughlin, often supervised commerce on those docks when he visited from his nearby home a mile away.

Oregon's third newspaper, The Western Star, was founded in Milwaukie in 1850. It quickly became Oregon's premier newspaper up and down the Willamette Valley for settlers as far south as Eugene. It gave the pioneers their only information on the Oregon Territory, the coming statehood, events at Champoege, and the Civil War.

Reaching beyond Oregon's borders and to the rest of the world is Milwaukie's contribution to the American Produce market. A little known fact is that the Bing Cherry was first cultivated in Milwaukie. It was named after a Manchurian Chinese immigrant who worked for the Lewelling Family Orchards, in what is now the Lewelling Neighborhood.

Today, Milwaukie is the second largest city in Clackamas County with a population of 20,470. Its large employers include United Grocers, Oregon Cutting Systems, Dark Horse Comics, Warn Industries and Providence Milwaukie Hospital. It serves the Portland region as a transportation crossroads, hosting the intersection of two State highways, two freight lines, and hopefully a future light rail line.

I am proud to represent the "City of Dogwoods"—Milwaukie, OR.

### IN HONOR OF SCOTT MASON AND RITA THOMAS

#### HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 5, 2003*

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Scott Mason and Rita Thomas of Mason Building Group, Inc., this year's recipients of the Government Market Assistance Program Delaware Diamond Award from the Delaware Small Business Development Center Network.

As you know, small businesses such as Mason Building Group, Inc., have always been

extremely important to the economic vitality of each State and to our national economy. Small businesses account for the majority of all new jobs being created daily, and provide opportunities for millions of people to earn a living and provide financial stability for their families. Through Scott and Rita's teamwork and guidance, Mason Building Group, Inc. has distinguished itself as a leader amongst small businesses in Delaware by offering a valuable service and maintaining a high level of customer satisfaction.

Through out my years in public service I have consistently counted Delaware's small businesses to be amongst the very best in the Country, and recognition of Mason Building Group, Inc. by the Delaware SBDC Network, in my mind, confirms this belief.

Scott and Rita's accomplishments and innovative leadership in the small business community have placed Mason Building Group, Inc., in a position to rise above and meet the challenges of the future; I commend them on their receipt of this award and wish them continued success.

### LET'S FIND A CURE FOR SCLERODERMA

#### HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 5, 2003*

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a bill to help the more than 300,000 Americans who suffer from scleroderma. Scleroderma is a chronic, often progressive autoimmune disease in which the body's immune system attacks its own tissues.

The disease manifests itself in two forms: localized scleroderma, affecting the skin and underlying tissue; and systemic scleroderma, also known as systemic sclerosis, a potentially life-threatening disease that attacks internal organs, including the lungs, heart, kidneys, esophagus and gastrointestinal tract.

Scleroderma can vary a great deal in terms of severity. While for a few individuals it is merely a nuisance, for many it is a life-threatening illness. For most, it is a disease that affects how they live their daily lives.

The wide range of symptoms and localized and systemic variations of the disease make it especially hard to diagnose. The average diagnosis is made five years after the onset of symptoms. Once diagnosed, however, people with Scleroderma can only look forward to symptomatic relief, as there is no known cure.

Symptoms may include swelling, hardening and thickening of the skin, blood vessel spasms with severe discomfort in the fingers and toes, weight loss, joint pain, swallowing difficulties, nonhealing ulcerations on the fingertips and extreme fatigue. In its more advanced forms, Scleroderma can prevent patients from performing even the simplest tasks.

Among the goals of my legislation is to help adequately fund research projects regarding

Scleroderma; hold a Scleroderma symposium that would bring together distinguished scientists and clinicians from across the United States to determine the most important priorities in Scleroderma research; and to establish a national epidemiological study to better track the incidence of this disease.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in bringing awareness and to help find a cure for this devastating disease.

### RECOGNIZING OSCAR DE LA HOYA FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS

#### HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, February 5, 2003*

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and salute a proud and distinguished individual for his many accomplishments and contributions to the Latino community and our country.

Oscar De La Hoya began his successful boxing career at the young age of 6 when he began training to box at the Eastside Boxing Club in Los Angeles, CA. From there he made his way through the ranks and divisions of professional boxing, winning five world titles in different weight divisions. Along the way, he also triumphed at the 1992 Olympics, winning a gold medal in boxing.

As if a successful boxing career were not enough, in October of 2000, he began his musical career, releasing his first self-titled album of popular music.

Besides his many accomplishments, his commitment to his community has remained steadfast. In 1995, he created the Oscar De La Hoya Foundation as a tribute to his mother Celia. Its goal is to provide educational and athletic opportunities for the young people of the East Los Angeles community. In keeping with this mission, he established an academic scholarship fund for low-income students and opened the Oscar De La Hoya Youth Center. The Youth Center today provides a safe and positive environment where local area youth receive help with their schoolwork, develop computer skills, and participate in athletic training programs.

In memory of his mother, he also made a generous donation to the East L.A. White Memorial Medical Center. This donation served as the foundation from which the Celia Gonzalez De La Hoya Cancer Center was created.

Oscar knows the importance of being a good role model. Professionally, he has been a testament to the ideals of hard work and perseverance. Outside of the boxing arena, he has demonstrated what it means to truly give back to one's community. The positive impact of Oscar De La Hoya reaches far beyond the state of California. Next week he will visit El Paso, in my district, and be warmly received by an admiring community. He is a young man, who while especially appealing to Latino youth, stands as an inspiration to all.

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